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SUBJECT: CONSTITUTIONAL COURT CONFIRMS PRESIDENTIAL VICTORY

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¶1. The Malian Constitutional Court on June 9th confirmed President Toure's victory in the April 29th election (reftel) with 71 percent of the votes cast.

¶2. The decision by the Constitutional Court makes President Toure's victory official. Security forces were in heightened alert around Bamako the day of the announcement, but there were no reports of electoral-related violence or protests. As expected, opposition members denounced the decision, but instructed their supporters to fight the decision "democratically and peacefully" through Mali's constitutional process. Most Malians have accepted the results, and they, and the opposition, will now look to the legislative elections in July.  
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